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SENT VIA FOIAONLINE TO: MFC5H@VIRGINIA.EDU MR MATTHEW F CANCIAN 71 SEBA KENT RD PAWTUCKET RI 02861

Dear Mr. Cancian:

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST, FILE NUMBER DON-USMC-2015-005149

This responds to your April 8, 2015, request for information about the General Classification Test (GCT). Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding to you.

We initiated a search of the files maintained by the Manpower Studies and Analysis Branch (MSAB). Although MSAB personnel could not locate any responsive records, they did advise us that the current GCT is the same test that was designed and administered during the World War II era. They do not know, however, if the GCT scores were ever normalized and there is no record to indicate that they were.

If you consider this to be an adverse determination, you may appeal to the Judge Advocate General (Code 14), 1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066. Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include a copy of your initial request, a copy of this letter, and a statement indicating why you believe your appeal should be granted. I recommend that your appeal and its envelope both bear the notation "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

We have categorized you as an "other requester" for the purpose of assessing FOIA processing fees. In this instance, however, the applicable fees are waived because it took longer than the normal time period to respond to your request.

I am the official responsible for this determination. Questions concerning this action should be directed to Mr. Eric R. Powers at (571) 256-8634 or (703) 614-4008, via email to hqmcfoia@usmc.mil, or fax at (703) 614-6287.

Sincerely,

S. A. HUGHES

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